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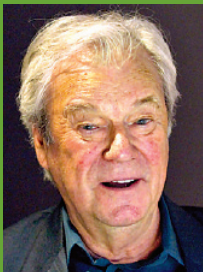
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# Public Gardens open for season

The gates to the Public Gardens are springing open today for the start of a new season.

The park has been undergoing its usual pre-season preparations and is now ready for the public to enjoy.

"In some cases we're people's backyards," said Bev MacPhail with HRM's Parks and Open Spaces di-

## Hours

The Public Gardens will be open from 8 a.m. to dusk every day.

vision. "People come to the Public Gardens to get outside."

She said the Gardens' opening date is about two weeks earlier than normal.

Typically, the park averages 5,000 visitors a day. MacPhail hopes for nice weather this season so the rain doesn't put a damper on that number.

She said no flowers have bloomed yet, but the park is looking clean and tidy.

"The bandstand's been fully renovated, so hopefully that brings in a lot of interest." ● LAURA WARREN



► Visitors to the Public Gardens walk across the pedestrian bridge in this file photo.

# Man wounded in Dartmouth shooting

- No arrests in afternoon shooting
- A bullet hole was visible on SUV

A man was hit with one of several bullets fired on a Dartmouth street yesterday afternoon.

The victim was in an SUV in the area of Kennedy and Roleika drives at 3:15 p.m. when he was shot in the lower body. His wound is considered non-life threatening.

Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter said they received several calls about multiple shots being fired. He said investigators weren't sure if the shots were fired from another vehicle.

"We're trying to confirm the SUV was the target," Palmeter said. "We do not believe this was a random incident."

## Questioned

Two other occupants in the SUV were taken into custody by police for questioning.

There were no weapons immediately recovered and police seized the SUV. Palmeter said there is no indication at this point the shooting is connected to any other incidents, including the homicide of Stacey Jordan Adams, a 20-year-old from Dartmouth whose body was found in Lake Echo on Sunday.

Also, a 22-year-old man was shot on Saturday night while driving on Highway 111 in Dartmouth.

● LAURA WARREN



► Halifax Regional Police officers investigate yesterday's shooting in Dartmouth.

# Hearings coming for Barrington projects

Council gave first reading and agreed to set public hearings on proposed developments to the Roy Building and Discovery Centre building.

Developers have applied to build mixed-use commercial buildings on

the two sites on Barrington Street.

A staff report stated the heritage advisory committee approved of the Discovery Centre building.

Developers have applied to build mixed-use commercial buildings on

the two sites on Barrington Street. The committee said it is also uncomfortable with a new building recreating an old one.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

## News in brief

### Video aids in arrests

**CRIME.** Surveillance video helped police nab three theft suspects on Monday.

Copper was stolen from a business on Belmont Avenue in Dartmouth at 11 p.m. on Sunday.

Police used the surveillance video, along with other information, to make three arrests on Monday. Two men, aged 21 and 22, were arrested at a nearby residence and a 16-year-old boy was arrested at another Dartmouth residence.

All three were scheduled to appear in court yesterday to face theft and mischief charges.

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► Premier Darrell Dexter speaking at yesterday's announcement at the Nova Scotia Autism Centre in Halifax.

## Province funds autism program

- Lottery for early intervention spots will stop: Dexter
- Province also announces \$270,000 for tracking device for those with cognitive disorders

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The province committed \$4 million to fully fund the Early Intensive Behavioural Intervention program aimed at helping young children with autism yesterday.

At a crowded Provincial Autism Centre flanked by four of his ministers, Premier Darrell Dexter revealed details of the government's Autism Spectrum Disorder Action Plan.

"This plan represents \$5.5 million in new investments that will enhance existing services by expanding programs in priority areas," Dexter said.

### Other plans

- Maintaining autism specialists in the Department of Education and school boards
- A review of the Direct Family Support for Children program for medication, transportation and respite care
- Additional funding for other early intervention programs

"Only about 50 per cent of children who need early intensive behavioural intervention have received it. Children had to be randomly selected to gain access to this treatment. That practice is unfair and it will be ended shortly."

The EIBI program, which focuses on improving functional skills including communication and social skills in children with autism, currently serves approximately 50 per cent of eligible pre-school-aged children.

Under the new plan, provincial funding for the EIBI program will increase by \$4 billion over two years, expanding the service to all eligible children.

Stacey Turner, whose son Dennis has autism, welcomed the news. "Our experience with EIBI has been nothing short of remarkable," she said.

## Provincial NDP, PCs bash federal Liberals

Just last week, all three parties in the Nova Scotia legislature were aligning themselves behind Irving Shipbuilding's bid to obtain a lucrative national shipbuilding contract.

Yesterday, in another rare display of crossing party lines, the governing NDP and the third-place Progressive Conservatives teamed up to attack the federal Liberal's position on the issue.

The parties were reacting to news reports that quoted Denis Coderre, a high-profile Liberal MP from Quebec, as saying a Liberal government would extend a key deadline to allow the Davie Shipyard to compete for the \$35-billion, 30-year contract.

"In power, the Liberal Party will issue a directive, so that Quebec can also apply for this important contract," Coderre told Le

**"This is nothing more, quite frankly, than provincial politicians playing a little politics in the federal campaign."**

NOVA SCOTIA LIBERAL LEADER  
STEPHEN MCNEIL



► Nova Scotia Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil.

Journal de Levis.

PC MLA Chuck Porter said the federal Liberal position would threaten Irving's chances.

"(Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff's) plan is one that could push the Halifax Shipyard out of contention contract," said Porter.

Premier Darrell Dexter agreed with Porter, saying he was "very shocked" to

read Coderre's comments.

"I have asked my staff, on my instruction, to draft a letter to the leader of the federal Liberal Party expressing our disappointment in his comments," said Dexter.

"If this was to be in fact the position of the federal government, it runs the risk of stunting the growth of Atlantic Canada."

● ALEX BOUTILIER

## Union boss calls Capital Health cuts 'short-sighted'

The Nova Scotia General Employees Union is saying proposed cuts at the Capital District Health Authority will result in diminished patient care.

Capital Health announced last week they're looking to cut \$36.2 million over the next three years. The announcement was revealed a month after the NDP revealed they planned to freeze the budget for the province's district

**800 Authority spokesman John Gillis noted Capital Health sees approximately 800 employees leave per year due to retirement or resignation.**

health authorities.

NSGEU president Joan Jessome called Capital Health's plans "short-sighted

ed" and "arbitrary" in a strongly worded release. Jessome also said the cuts will affect patient care.

Capital Health CEO Chris Power said the cuts will likely result in approximately 270 fewer full-time equivalent positions. But in a letter to staff, she said her organization hopes that number can be reached through attrition and voluntary retirement.

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# Comedian hops into mainstream

► ComedyFest opens tonight with gala at Casino Nova Scotia ► Boris takes stage tomorrow and Friday

It's a long way from growing up on a farm in Winnipeg for comedian Trevor Boris.

Back then, comedy was just a hobby for the now 33-year-old.

"It's something I realized I wanted to do when I figured out I could drink and swear at work," laughed Boris during a phone interview this week.

Boris, known for his work on MuchMusic's Video on Trial, is performing at the 16th annual Halifax ComedyFest, which runs tonight through Saturday.

Ten years ago he was at university, having fun and working on the family



► Trevor Boris

farm before entering the Just for Laughs home-grown competition in Montreal.

"It really opened my eyes in terms of comedy and motivated me to want to do more," he said.

Boris then moved to Toronto and a month later

## Website

For complete details, visit [halifaxcomedyfest.ca](http://halifaxcomedyfest.ca).

he was scouted for Video on Trial.

Boris has written for fellow Canadian comedian Russell Peters and for the MuchMusic Video Music Awards.

Boris, who has been nominated for two Canadian Comedy Awards, said the task was a challenge because it was different from writing for himself.

"I can't just do one thing. I have a low attention span," he said.

● ANDREW CALEY

## Strum. Sing



► Jackson Browne performs at the Halifax Metro Centre last night.

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## Playing deep cuts

Jackson Browne's solo acoustic tour started in Canada on March 25 in Victoria, B.C. Playing guitar and piano, Browne performed songs spanning his career. Halifax was the second of three dates on the tour's Atlantic Canada leg, which started in Moncton on April 11 and will conclude in St. John's on April 14.

## Advocate questions wage hike

The president of the Nova Scotia Chambers of Commerce says there are better ways to keep money in the pockets of low-income earners than continuing to increase the minimum wage.

Wayne Fiander says the province could raise the basic personal income tax exemption limit, reduce sales tax and continue other tax-credit programs.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees, one of the largest public-sector unions in the province, has recommended raising the rate from \$9.65 an hour to \$11. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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The number of hikes in the province's minimum wage since May 2008.

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# Gas company royalties 'theft': Younger

► Regime currently under review: Parker ► Companies aren't taking advantage of low royalties for onshore gas



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Liberal Energy Critic Andrew Younger charged the NDP government with offering corporate giveaways to oil companies yesterday.

But Energy Minister Charlie Parker said low royalty rates and two-year exemption royalties for onshore gas operations has been a longtime incentive for companies to set up shop in the province.

Nova Scotia charges a flat royalty rate of 10 per cent on onshore gas, with a deduction for the cost of any processing and separating

## But ...

There are currently no onshore gas operations online in the province.

that may be required. In addition, companies enjoy a two-year holiday from when an exploration agreement is signed to when they have to begin paying royalties on oil or gas produced.

Younger said the measures amount to "theft."

"We now have a royalty rate that is substantially less than anywhere in North America," said Younger.

"We really don't know what the effect of this is. What we do know is that the NDP is continuing a giveaway at a royalty rate that's just not fair. This should not be happening."

But Parker noted the royalty rate, including the two-year holiday, has been effective for a number of years.

"The royalty holiday of two years is an incentive for companies to help them find product out there," said Parker.

"If all of the sudden we have lots of gas and oil that's discovered, obviously we'll be in a different negotiating position."

## Defence. Rally



► Miles Howe and his rescued greyhound, Baddy, showed their support at the inaugural Global Day of Action on Military Spending yesterday in front of the Spring Garden Road library.

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## Something to snarl about

Members of the Halifax Peace Coalition, The Nova Scotia Voice of Women for Peace and the Raging Grannies were all in attendance for the rally.

## Miniature throne goes missing

An antique chair described as a miniature Queen's throne has gone missing from outside a house on Fenwick Street in Halifax.

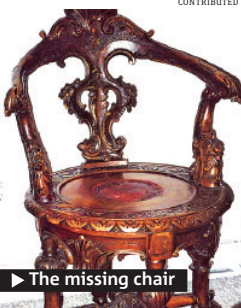
Police say a woman was in the process of moving furniture out of her house when she noticed the chair missing.

"It's a very unique chair, it's over 200 years old," said police spokesman Const.

Brian Palmeter.

"We're hoping that maybe someone picked it up thinking it was going to be put to the curb," he said.

The chair went missing April 5 just before 2 p.m., and police are asking for the public's help in locating it. Anyone with information is asked to call police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. ● LAURA WARREN



► The missing chair

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# Greens refuse to be muzzled

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Young Green party supporters stood with duct tape across their mouths in the crowd of shouting Conservative, Liberal and NDP partisans on Rideau Street before the federal leaders' televised debate yesterday.

The tape signified Green

party Leader Elizabeth May's exclusion from the debate, but they took it off to explain that to passing reporters and shout jeers and cheers of their own.

"They spend their tax dollars like they use gas — they're wasting it," shouted youth vote co-ordinator Jonathan Halasz as two Conservative party buses drove by honking.



# Fidgeting, jabs and forced smiles

► Inside the debates: Layton shakes off a crack about his age while Gilles Duceppe appears impatient to speak

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When they strolled in, for the benefit of the waiting cameras, they appeared the best of friends.

On closer inspection, tight, forced smiles betrayed four fierce rivals girding for the battle to come.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper entered the set — decorated like a 1970s rec room, in bricks of orange and burnt sienna — first, followed by NDP Leader Jack Layton, Bloc Québécois Leader Duceppe and Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff.

Duceppe initially went to the wrong lectern, before swapping with Ignatieff.

They posed briefly at the podiums before moving

into the centre of the stage for a group photo. The group handshake was followed by the customary awkward exchange of pleasantries before retreating to their corners.

Though it wasn't apparent on television, there was a live audience of about 120 people in attendance that remained largely silent until Harper made reference to "the old Jack Layton."

Layton feigned outrage. "Are you calling me old?" The crowd guffawed.

During the debate's open free-for-all segments, which capped six one-on-one face-offs, Duceppe fidgeted at his lectern, drumming his fingers and repeatedly sending the signal that he wanted to jump in.

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# Liberal shipbuilding plan angers N.S. premier

Nova Scotia Premier Darrell Dexter says he will write to Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff to express his disappointment over the federal party's position on a massive national shipbuilding program.

Media reports say party officials in Quebec have promised that a Liberal government would push back a deadline requiring the

Davie Shipyard to demonstrate solvency, one of the conditions for bid submissions under Ottawa's shipbuilding strategy.

The Quebec yard is in competition with three other shipyards including the Irving-owned facility in Halifax to build combat and non-combat vessels under the \$35-billion plan.

Dexter said Nova Scotia

wants the procurement process to proceed free of political interference.

"I would hope the considered opinion of Mr. Ignatieff would be to support the fair and open procurement process that is currently underway," Dexter said yesterday. "And I hope that in considering his opinion he would understand the value of the exist-

ing rules."

Dexter said the Liberal party's promise to move the deadline to July 7 from May 18 was "unacceptable."

Provincial Liberal Leader Stephen MacNeil said the premier was playing politics and it's his understanding that all deadlines have been pushed back to July 7 because of the federal election. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Ex-prostitute, fraudster partied at 24 Sussex

Disgraced former Stephen Harper aide Bruce Carson brought a reported ex-prostitute and money-launderer to 24 Sussex Drive to meet with the prime minister and his wife during a party at the official residence, the Conservatives have confirmed.

Barbara Lynn Khan and her then-beau Carson, who has been convicted on five counts of fraud, were among the guests at a going-away bash three years ago for the prime minister's departing chief of staff, Ian Brodie, a party spokesman said late yesterday.

"I can confirm that (Khan) was at Mr. Brodie's farewell party at 24 Sussex

as Mr. Carson's guest," Conservative campaign spokesman Alykhan Velshi said in an email.

"It was a farewell party for a friend and colleague, not a government event."

The Globe and Mail reported that Khan was convicted in the United States in 2003 for maintaining a bawdy house, as well as aiding and abetting prostitution.

The newspaper, citing public records, reported Khan was convicted a year later of the more serious U.S. federal offence of money laundering.

She was subsequently deported to her native Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## MURDER TRIAL

# Edmonton filmmaker found guilty of murder

An aspiring Edmonton filmmaker has been convicted of murdering and dismembering a stranger in a plot that matched a movie script.

Mark Twitchell admitted he accidentally killed Johnny Altinger in October 2008 in a publicity hoax gone wrong.

But the jury opted to convict Twitchell on the original charge of first-degree murder.

The Crown argued Twitchell lured Altinger to a rented garage, killed him, cut him up and dumped the remains down a sewer.

The death matched a murder in a slasher movie Twitchell had filmed, which he wrote about on his laptop.

Twitchell testified he got Altinger to come to the garage by pretending to be a date the man had met on the Internet.

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# Frigid NWT braved by ice runner

A 57-year-old woman has become what may be Canada's first ice road marathoner.

Alicia Barahona spent the weekend running the entire length of the ice road between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk in the Northwest Territories. And she ran it twice.

That's 370 kilometres and more than 76 hours of running in temperatures so cold, about -40 C, that at one point she almost fainted while trying to warm up.

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# Car chase gets wild in Montreal

Seven people were injured on a busy Montreal highway yesterday after a wild car chase involving three police forces, tire spikes and gunfire.

The pursuit began north of the city when police tried to stop a car with three occupants.

One of the three was arrested, but the two others sped off in the vehicle toward the city. Police used tire spikes to try to stop the car but the suspects allegedly put the car in reverse and tried to run down officers.

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# Mubarak's heart problems surface as investigation begins

► The former Egyptian president welcomes investigation ► In a pre-recorded message Sunday, he said he did not abuse his authority

Former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak was abruptly hospitalized yesterday for heart problems during an investigation over allegations of corruption and the violence against protesters.

The 82-year-old former president was deposed Feb. 11 after 18 days of popular protests and has been under house arrest in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh for the last two

months. The public prosecutor said Monday he would be questioned.

The protest movement that deposed Mubarak is now pushing for him to be brought to justice for what they say are decades of abuse and since Friday, hundreds have reoccupied parts of Tahrir Square in downtown Cairo.

Dozens of demonstrators picketed the hospital, de-

nouncing the president and carrying a sign reading "Here is the butcher." They scuffled with supporters of Mubarak amid a massive security presence.

Two security officials said Mubarak arrived under heavy police protection and, according to two doctors in the hospital, he stepped out of his armoured Mercedes unaided.

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► Egypt's ousted president Hosni Mubarak.

## News in brief



### First ticket issued in new veil ban

A woman has been ticketed in a suburban Paris shopping centre for wearing a face veil, in the first reported sanction under a new ban on the garments, police said yesterday.

Another woman in another Paris suburb was stopped for wearing a veil, but was let go with a warning.

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### Pall's pickled penis on display

In life, Pall Arason sought attention. In death, he is getting it: The 95-year-old Iclander's pickled penis will be the main attraction in one of his country's most bizarre museums.

Arason's organ will help round out the Phalological Museum extensive collection of phalluses from whales, seals, bears and other mammals.

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### UN: No gloss over Japanese nuclear levels

The UN nuclear agency says Japan's decision to wait until now to raise the level of the Fukushima nuclear crisis to the same as the 1986 Chernobyl disaster does not mean that authorities have been downplaying the disaster.

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## Alleged rape victim turns hero in Libya

Since Iman al-Obeidi burst into the hotel housing foreign journalists in Tripoli and accused pro-Gadhafi militiamen of gang-raping her, she says many people on the streets of the capital have recognized her and praised her bravery. Supportive cab drivers have refused to take her money and in the rebel-held east, she is hailed as a hero.

Recounting her story in graphic detail for the first time alone with two female reporters, al-Obeidi claimed she was brutalized for two days and wept as she re-



► Iman al-Obeidi

called the ordeal. She said she was repeatedly raped by 15 different men — one of them a cousin of Gadhafi — who were drinking alcohol that they poured in her eyes, nose, mouth and vagina. She said she was sodomized with a Kalashnikov rifle.

Al-Obeidi spoke to The Associated Press and another reporter at her home in a rare interview without Libyan government ministers, who keep almost constant watch over dozens of foreign journalists.

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# Cheap flights could take wing with new airline

► Air Canada discount carrier would aim at Transat, Sunwing and WestJet; could push fares down

Air Canada's reported plans to launch a discount carrier could dish up competitive headaches for its rivals and lower airfares to vacation spots in Mexico, the Caribbean and Europe, industry analysts say.

Chris Murray of PI Financial Corp. says a new airline would ramp up pressure on the industry to reduce fares, at least until a rival is driven out of business.

"In the short run there may be some bargains, though I wouldn't expect ... the craziness we've seen before, the \$1 to London flights," he says.

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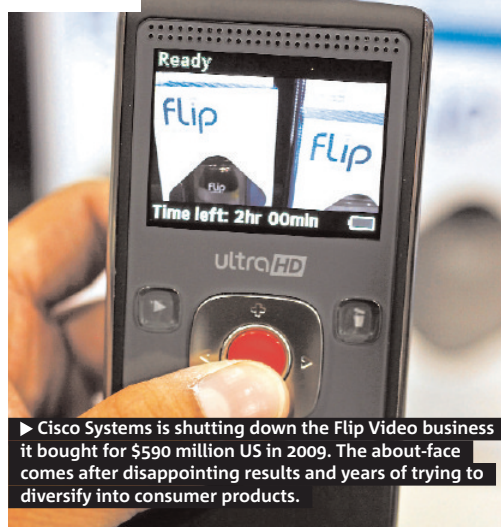
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Air Canada is reportedly drawing up a plan to deploy four Boeing 767s and six Airbus A319s, with the fleet increasing to 50 planes. The delivery of 37 Boeing 787 Dreamliners would allow the airline to transfer older planes to the new airline.

Air Canada would not comment on the rumours. But Pierre Tessier, spokesman for Transat AT, said consumers will benefit if the new carrier adds more seats to the market. "There's always been a lot of competition in the market and we're used to that," he said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Flip. Flop



► Cisco Systems is shutting down the Flip Video business it bought for \$590 million US in 2009. The about-face comes after disappointing results and years of trying to diversify into consumer products.

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## Cisco kills the video star

Cisco Systems Inc., the world's largest maker of computer networking gear, is killing its Flip Video camcorder business after years of trying to make inroads into consumer products. The San Jose, Calif., company says the shakeup will result in the loss of 550 jobs. A spokeswoman would not say whether Canadian employees would be affected.

## No rate hike for now: Central bank

The Bank of Canada will keep the policy rate at one per cent for at least another seven weeks. The decision yesterday came despite a mostly upbeat assessment of the economy that predicts faster growth and a quicker return to full capacity.

The bank's next date for an interest-rate announcement is May 31.

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Canada's economy will grow 2.9 per cent this year, the Bank of Canada says. As well, the economy will return to full capacity in just over a year, six months earlier than predicted.

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## Canadians feel pinch of fuel, food prices

Nearly half of Canadians say steeper fuel and food prices are taking a significant bite out of their budgets, an RBC Consumer Outlook suggests.

While 45 per cent say rising prices are having a significant impact, the effects are felt most strongly by residents of Ontario, Atlantic Canada and Quebec.

Managing debt remains a high priority, with 39 per cent of Canadians saying they plan to pay off as much debt as possible.

Thirty per cent say they are focused on spending less, 23 per cent are looking to save or invest more and 25 per cent say they intend to do all three.

Some 42 per cent of Canadians believe the economy will improve over the coming year, down one percentage point from the December survey.

Overall, the report says Canadians' concerns about the economy remain relatively unchanged since the last survey three months earlier.

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## Sea to sea

- **Positive sentiment** about the economy is strongest in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario.
- **Six in 10 Canadians** describe the state of the economy as "good," compared to 75 per cent of Prairie residents, 69 per cent of Albertans and 63 per cent of B.C. residents.
- **Thirty-nine per cent** feel their personal financial situation will improve (up one percentage point from three months ago). The view is held most strongly in Alberta, Quebec and the Prairies.
- **Twenty-two per cent** are worried about job loss or layoffs (up two percentage points).
- **Ontario residents** are most concerned about job loss, at 28 per cent, followed by people living in Quebec and Atlantic Canada (21 per cent each). Prairie residents are least anxious about jobs (16 per cent).



## Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN



## DON'T MESS WITH MAMA

**Bolivia may be one of the poorest places on Earth, but it's rich in at least one commodity: Legislation.**

It's about to pass the Mother of All Laws giving Mother Nature equal rights to human beings. In Bolivia, Ms. Nature goes by Pachamama, an Andean deity that is at the centre of all life. As soon as the law is passed — and pass it will because the ruling party has what Stephen Harper most desires: A majority in both houses of Parliament — Pachamama will gain 11 shiny new rights.

Most of them are pretty basic: The right to life and to exist; the right to continue all her various cycles, from carbon to Krebs, without human interference; the right to pure water and clean air; the right not to be polluted; the right to balance; and the right not to be genetically altered.

Then there's this: Pachamama will enjoy the right "not to be affected by mega-infrastructure and development projects that affect the balance of ecosystems and the local inhabitant communities."

The guys who run the resource companies are howling with boyish laughter. You see, Bolivia has its own brown skeletons in its own sooty closet. More than one-third of its foreign currency comes from the mining of tin, silver, gold, etc., and you can bet Pachamama is feeling more than a little violated on that front.

When you're the world's 100th ranked economy, below Trinidad and Tobago and Turkmenistan, for goodness sake, it's tough to resist the temptation of all that glitters. Without precious metals, Bolivia's largest export is soybeans and natural gas, a potent combination for sure.

Ecuador has already tried something like this, but that hasn't stopped anyone from plundering the Amazon. You have to wonder why they even bother — they're just going to end up making themselves depressed as they continue to pollute and genetically modify until one day Pachamama decides to take the law into her own hands.

That may be what's motivating Bolivia: It's not nice to fool Pachamama and she is already showing signs of losing her legendary maternal patience: Bolivian scientists predict temperatures will rise up to 4 C over the next 100 years, all the glaciers will melt and Bolivia will become a desert.

So rather than risk the loss of her affections altogether, all they can do is promise to try to nurture nature. And if they break their promise, she can always complain to the newly established Ministry of Mother Earth.

Good luck with that.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at [metronews.ca/justsayin](http://metronews.ca/justsayin)

## Worth mentioning

**LONDON.** Is there a science of happiness?

A growing band of economists, politicians and academics thinks so — and is putting theory into practice by starting a "mass movement for a happier society."

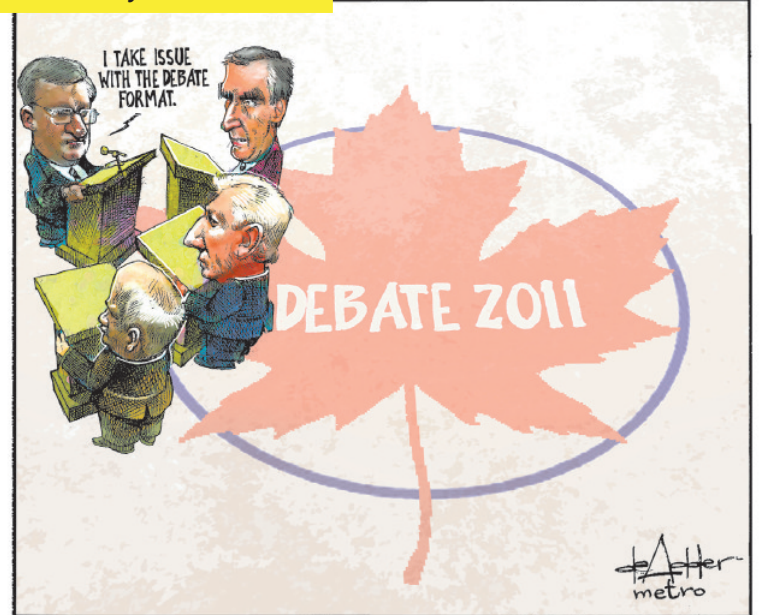
Action for Happiness launched yesterday in London, encouraging hugging, meditation and random acts of kindness. It is getting underway as the British government asks statisticians to measure the economically battered nation's well-being.

The non-profit group's founders include a former Downing Street policy chief, Tony Blair's biographer and an eminent economist. They say happiness is a deeply serious issue.

Co-founder Richard Layard, emeritus professor of economics at the London School of Economics, says the group "doesn't have any creed or dogma. It's a secular movement, grounded in science."

Increasing numbers of politicians are taking up that mantra. Prime Minister David Cameron has said "it's time we focused not just on GDP but on GWB — general well-being." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

## Cartoon by Michael De Adder



## WEIRD NEWS

## Snakes on a plain

Instead of a snake in the grass, it was a snake under the sink.

A 75-year-old Winnipeg man got a slithery surprise Saturday after he discovered a six-foot snake under his bathroom sink in his apartment.

The man called police, who notified the city's animal services department, which in turn captured the creature.

Police said they then searched the rest of the building and discovered a suite with more than 50 snakes and

other reptiles being hoarded by a 33-year-old man.

Nine snakes believed to be illegal have since been seized and the man is facing charges under the City of Winnipeg exotic animal bylaw.

A spokesperson for the City of Winnipeg's Animal Services Agency said the majority of snakes or reptiles seized are given to reptile zoos or shelters. Police said there was nothing to indicate the snakes or reptiles, which included a snapping turtle, were being mistreated.

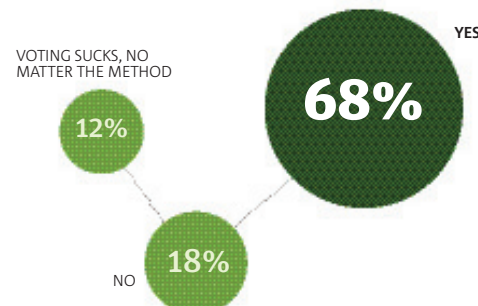
Under Winnipeg's exotic animal bylaw, there is no set number for how many reptiles one person may own, however, venomous reptiles or snakes are illegal in Winnipeg.

● ELISHA DACEY



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## Local tweets



► **@ClareJoan:** Just bought my ticket to the Halifax Comedy Festival. Can't wait for Friday!!! #halifaxfest  
► **@RebeccaLau:** Ah, gotta love living in a place where a cannon tells you it's noon. KABOOM! #halifax#hfx  
► **@bwanabe:** Going to see Jackson Browne tonight in Halifax. I've had a crush on him since I was seventeen. Used his songs in my grade 12 project. Sigh.  
► **@radhalifax:** Love that there was no frost this morning. Rain all you want

this week, I see a sunny weekend in Halifax:)  
► **@HuntClubHalifax:** Good Morning #Halifax! had a great morning walk at Point Pleasant with the dogs to get this day started!  
► **@bojantwits:** Hobo With A Shotgun is an interesting movie ... Also looks like a lot of it was filmed in Halifax.  
► **@yelphalifax:** This whole SUN! RAIN! SUN! RAIN! business is really messing with me. Cool it, Halifax. I can't handle hour-on, hour-off seasonal depression.



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## Comic book Cage



A valuable comic featuring the debut of Superman has re-surfaced in a storage locker, and police said Monday that it appears to be the same one stolen from Nicolas Cage more than a decade ago.

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Barney's Version' scribe wins Writers Guild of Canada screenwriting award



► Actress Neve Campbell arrives at the premiere of the Weinstein Company's *Scream 4* at Grauman's Chinese Theatre.

# 15 years of screams

► Neve Campbell talks about making *Scream 4*, and the newcomers to the horror franchise



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Despite how successful the *Scream* franchise has been for her, Neve Campbell hasn't become an old pro at watching horror movies.

"I usually cover my eyes and scream and cry during horror films," she admits.

But just because her eyes are covered doesn't mean she isn't enjoying herself. "These films are a roller coaster ride," she says of the *Scream* films. "I think they're great fun to watch."

They're just as much fun to make, she insists, and filming *Scream 4* last summer was no different.

"We were having fun during the filming," she says of re-teaming with David Arquette, Courteney Cox and director Wes Craven.

"We would often just go and have dinner and a nice glass of wine and have some laughs, so even during it you're not feeling like it's this really intense experience or dark experience, because there's a lot of humor in these films as well. You can't take them incredibly seriously. Part

**"You can't take them incredibly seriously. Part of the fun of these is that they're so self-referential and make fun of themselves."**

NEVE CAMPBELL ON THE *SCREAM* FRANCHISE

of the fun of these is that they're so self-referential and make fun of themselves."

Although it's been 15 years since *Scream* — and 11 years since *Scream 3* —

it didn't take Campbell long to get back in the Woodsboro groove.

"It's been 15 years now we've been doing these characters, so not difficult to jump into," she says. "I had fun watching the films again before we started this, just to get a sense of it, and it was really nice to see that they still hold up really well. But no, it wasn't difficult to get into the characters. With Sidney, it's just imagining her circumstances in doing it."

And while working with Cox and Arquette again was a treat, Campbell was particularly impressed

with her younger co-stars, including franchise newcomers Hayden Panettiere and Emma Roberts.

"Courteney and I looked at each other and were like, 'We could be their mothers,'" Campbell says with a laugh.

"But they were good. They came with so much enthusiasm to the project. People keep asking whether we had to show them the ropes, and they're professionals in their own rights. They've had long careers already at young ages, and they came in and they did a great job."

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## ► Pregnant Natalie Portman gives in to her desire for dairy

Though a self-proclaimed "vegan activist," Natalie Portman admits she's strayed from her diet's strict rules while pregnant.

"I actually went back to being vegetarian when I became pregnant, just because I felt like I wanted that stuff. I was listening to my body to have eggs and dairy and that sort of stuff," Portman says in an interview. "I actually wanted eggs at the beginning and then they grossed me out after awhile. I know there are people who do stay vegan, but I think you have to just be careful, watch your iron levels and your B12 levels and supplement those if there are things you might be low in your diet." **METRO**



► Natalie Portman

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## Still friends with Cox

David Arquette says that while he and Courteney Cox aren't back together, they're still close. "We're best friends. We're not together. We're still separated," he tells Ryan Seacrest during a radio interview. Arquette also doesn't mind Cox spending time with another friend, Cougar Town

co-star Josh Hopkins, no matter what the tabloids say. "She went away to St. Bart's with Coco and her best friend and Josh from the show, and I know about all of this," he says. "These tabloids make it like there's some kind of scandal going on. But there's no scandal." **METRO**

### Celebrity tweets



"Yes, I know I am in 'AC' the same night as Charlie Sheen. When Warlocks & Witches collide! When is the Gary Busey tour???"



@kathygriffin

@JennyMcCarthy

"Hey George Clooney, where's Japans telethon?"



@ConanOBrien

"Do you have any idea how many Americans think that the Ivory Coast conflict is soap-based?"



@TomArnold



"Let's make Eddie Murphy tour again!"

## Ex won't be at Hefner's wedding

Hugh Hefner is gearing up for his wedding to 24-year-old Crystal Harris on June 18, but he already knows one person won't be attending: ex-girlfriend Holly Madison. "I think Holly has expressed publicly that it would be a little strange if she was there and I respect that," Hefner tells People magazine. "She knows she's invited."

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► Hugh Hefner

## Baby for Benicio

Kimberly Stewart and Benicio del Toro are having a baby, though they aren't actually together, according to Life & Style magazine.

"Kimberly is pregnant. Benicio is the father and is very supportive. Although they are not a couple, they are looking forward to the arrival of the baby," Stewart's rep confirms to the magazine. **METRO**

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## Travel in brief



The Disney Cruise Line will set sail from New York, Seattle, and Galveston, Texas, beginning next year. The company said it will offer 20 cruises from New York City aboard the Disney Magic starting on May 25, 2012. They will include eight-night cruises to the Bahamas, and five-night cruises up the New England coast to Canada.

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▶ Renowned dancer and choreographer Dave St-Pierre is always on the go, but he loves his home city ▶ The dance pioneer guides us through his favourite parts of Montreal

## A dancer's Montreal

Every time I come back to Montreal after a few months outside of the country, I say: "OK, I'm home." Actually, Montreal is like a landmark for me. Maybe more than a home, 'cause I could live anywhere. But it feels good to be back here. Every time. Montreal is comforting.

Montreal is like a family. People are open-minded, it's not strange to see two men or two women walking hand-in-hand. Montrealers are friendly.

That's probably why tourists miss the city so much when they're back home. Yes they missed the city — because there is a lot of things to do here — but they mostly miss the Montrealers. They miss our energy.

We're also very emotive. We're intense in everything we do. Maybe it's because we have such extremes in our weather — from very cold in the winter to very hot in the summer.

DAVID ST-PIERRE



▶ Cheesy but fun, a horse-drawn 'caleche' tour of the city

## First time?

A walk in Old Montreal is a must. Try it by day and by night. The Basilique Notre-Dame, the Marché Bonsecours, the old Silos, the Old Port, you have to see it all. Walk in the narrowest alleys to discover this part of the city that is from another time. Le Pointe à Callière Museum (pacmusee.qc.ca) — about Montreal's history — is



▶ Taking a stroll.

very interesting too. It may sound a bit cheesy, but step back in time and try a calèche tour. The guides will have great, unique stories for you about the city.

## Been there before?

Take a look at the Belgo building (372 Rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest), where you'll find a lot of art galleries, fashion designers, artists and architects studios and the well-known school dance LADMMI. It's the perfect place to see what's happening in Montreal's art scene and to discover new artists. Another great place is the Modern Art Museum

(macm.org). It's not the Guggenheim, but it's always interesting to spend the afternoon there. Don't be afraid to go in the art galleries too. Yves Laroche (yves-laroche.com) on Saint-Laurent is a very good one.

If you want to see a dance show, head to the La Chapelle Theater (lachapelle.org). They are offering astounding things right now. They aren't scared to go off the beaten track.



▶ Bily Kun

## Stay in

Come to my loft! It's nice and cosy. But there won't be enough room for

everyone. But seriously, I would choose a warm bed and breakfast over an impersonal hotel.

## Go out

I would suggest an Open Mic evening at a bar like HELM on Bernard Street in the very hipster Mile-End neighbourhood. There are a lot of cool bars on Mont-Royal Avenue too like Bily Kun, Verre Bouteille or Plan B.



▶ Monastiraki

## Shopping!

Go to Boulevard Saint-Laurent, nicknamed the "Main." You'll find a lot of great places from very chic boutiques to cool antique shops. Just walk on the street and you'll find some gems.

My favourite place is Monastiraki (monastiraki.blogspot.com), a small gallery and shop with odd objects, vintage posters and new books from contemporary cartoonists. Fairmount, Saint-Viateur and Bernard Streets are good spots too.



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## Peggy's Cove turns 200

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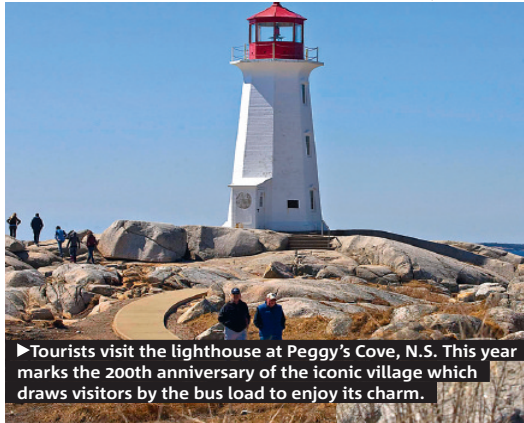
On the 200th anniversary of Nova Scotia's picture-perfect village by the sea, Peggy's Cove resident Roger Crooks says he'll celebrate the simple life of the past, while lobbying for a future fix-up.

Crooks, 74, is among the 40 remaining full-time residents of this community, famed for its landscape of stark granite boulders, crashing Atlantic seas and the lighthouse on the wind-worn rocks of Peggy's Point.

Two hundred years ago, King George III issued land grants to the six founding families who settled the area.

Crooks has kept a clipping from a journalist who visited the village in 1934, in the early days of tourism, and wrote of its caring and proud residents.

Starting April 18 and every third Monday following, visitors can attend geology walks that



► Tourists visit the lighthouse at Peggy's Cove, N.S. This year marks the 200th anniversary of the iconic village which draws visitors by the bus load to enjoy its charm.

explain the giant boulders known as "erratics" that cover the glacially scoured granite landscape.

There will also be a natural history walk titled Tiptoe through the Tide Pool on June 11 and a Peggy's Cove Road Arts Festival from July 1 to July 14.

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### If you go ...

► Peggy's Cove is southeast of Halifax on Nova Scotia's southern shore. If you are driving, take St. Margaret's Bay Road from Halifax for about 3.5 kilometres to Prospect Road, which follows a scenic route all the way to Peggy's Cove.



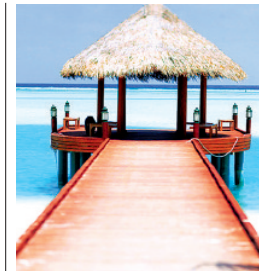
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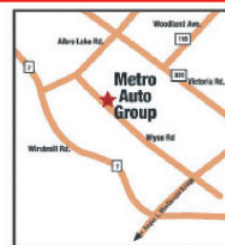
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## A fresh treat for kids? Yes, it's possible

► After months of holiday-related treats, these lemon squares are refreshing ► Kids can help to make them

Sometimes, it feels like health-conscious parents can't catch a break.

Just when you've managed to get past all of those Halloween treats (and the accompanying sugar highs), Christmas candy canes show up.

And when you're done with those, Valentine's chocolates start appearing in stores.

Then they make way for eggs, chocolate bunnies and cream-filled chicks.

I'm looking forward to a few months without a treat-oriented holiday in sight.

Meanwhile, I'm selling my kids on the idea of spring-themed treats as a replacement for excess chocolate eggs.

These lemon squares might just help me to con-

vince them.

If you can find Meyer lemons, they really are worth the extra expense.

Not as sour as regular citrus, they're vibrant tasting and very easy to juice and zest. But any lemon will do.

The addition of the wheatgerm to the crust gives it a nutty flavour, which is a very nice foil for the lemony-ness of the squares.

This is a recipe that offers a lot of opportunities for your kids to get involved in the baking process. They can press the crust into the pan, cracking eggs, grating the frozen butter.

And, of course, they can do what they do best: scarf back the delicious resulting Lemon Square treats.

### Preparation:

**1** In a bowl, combine flour, wheat germ, icing sugar and salt. Grate the sticks of frozen butter with a cheese grater into the flour mixture. Toss the frozen butter curls into the flour mixture until you have a mealy texture. Press the loose dough into 13 x 9 inch (3 L) baking dish and use your hands to flatten it. Refrigerate for 15 minutes.

**2** Bake crust in 350 F (180 C) oven for 15 to 18 minutes or until just beginning to turn golden.

**3** Filling: In bowl, whisk together sugar, flour, salt, lemon rind and juice, eggs and egg yolk. Whisk until well blend-



► This recipe makes 16 lemon squares.

ed. Gently pour filling mixture onto the hot crust. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until the filling has just set.

**4** Allow to cool before slicing into squares. Dip your knife in warm water before each cut to ensure clean cuts. **SWEET POTATO CHRONICLES (SWEETPOTATOCHRONICLES.COM)**

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups (500 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) wheat germ
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) icing sugar
- 3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
- 2 sticks frozen butter

### Filling:

- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) granu-

- lated sugar
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated lemon rind
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) lemon juice (about 4 Meyer lemons)
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# Students everywhere are going for the green

► Young people applying for enviro-programs in droves as jobs increase

Canadian students are flocking to environment-related programs as experts predict a boost in green sector jobs.

The latest figures show enrolment in university programs, such as land-use planning and conservation biology, have risen dramatically in recent years.

Environment-related college programs have also seen a slight increase in enrolment.

Meanwhile, experts say the country's burgeoning green economy holds many opportunities for graduates willing to step off the beaten path.

While it still represents fewer jobs overall than other fields, the green sector "is an emerging part of the economy that's growing at a faster rate than the traditional pieces," said job expert Alan Kearns, founder of CareerJoy.

Graduates who can market themselves in that economy are likely to be in demand, whether they end up working in a green start-up or co-ordinating a more traditional company's sustainability efforts, he said.

Students are showing a "huge interest" in green



► A worker is shown installing solar panels on the roof of a police station in Halifax.

jobs, said Laurie Simmonds, president of Green Living, the marketing firm behind the Green Living Show in Toronto.

That's why this year's show will include a green jobs forum on April 16, to help job seekers connect with green sector employers, she said.

Roughly two thirds of green companies expect to hire full-time employees in

the next five years, according to a survey performed by ECO Canada last year.

Tom Rand, a clean technology expert who will headline the green jobs forum, said most opportunities available right now involve installing green technologies such as solar panels rather than developing new ones.

At the same time, there's always room for innovation

and entrepreneurship, said Andrew Heintzman, chairman of Ontario's climate change advisory panel.

"It's never too early to start thinking about good ideas," he said.

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## By the numbers

According to a report released by ECO Canada, a non-profit organization focused on the environment industry:

► The number of students enrolled in environment-related university programs went up roughly 40 per cent between 2000 and 2007.

► Enrolment in similar college programs rose less than one per cent between 2000 and 2005, the report reads.

► In Ontario, however, there's been a boom in green-economy college programs, with 35 new diploma or certificate programs introduced in the past three years, including 14 last fall alone.

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The workplace no longer has traditional borders. Employees correspond through instant messages, through Facebook and via e-mail. Seldom do they do so exclusively for business purposes. Others, who are bored, unmotivated or underworked, surf the internet for much of their workdays, managing their sports pools, blogging about coworkers, reading the news or dating on-line. Employers have good reason for concern. Lost productivity and potential liability for the actions of their employees have caused most organizations to revisit their computer use poli-

cies - or create new ones altogether. Here are some common issues.

- Employees spending an inordinate amount of time at work accessing the web for personal use can be tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can be cause for dismissal, with appropriate warnings.

- Internet use that can be considered harassing or discriminatory will be often be grounds for dismissal. In one case, two employees were fired after distributing a vulgar e-mail at work detailing the sexual gymnastics of an overweight female co-worker. In another case a New Brunswick judge upheld the dismissal of an employee finding that his conduct amounted to sexual harassment because the female IT manager who performed an audit on his computer found the websites he visited "offensive".

- Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate coworkers or if they violate hate propaganda or obscenity laws. These employees can end up surfing the classifieds for a lawyer, as well as for a new job.

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# Search for new Moose coach gets competitive

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► Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith, on the ice with the team as head coach this past season.

## ► Screaming Eagles relieve Durocher, Jodoin leaves Oceanic



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The Halifax Mooseheads suddenly have all kinds of competition in their search for a new head coach.

The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles fired head coach Mario Durocher yesterday, while Clement Jodoin walked away from his lead role with the Rimouski Oceanic, leaving the Mooseheads as one of five QMJHL teams in search of a new head coach.

Mooseheads majority owner Bobby Smith has been preaching patience in the process, but admitted sudden competition may accelerate the hiring.

"It doesn't change the approach we're taking, but it certainly could force your hand at some point," said Smith, who created the vacancy when he resigned as head coach on April 2.

Smith said he's been keeping a close eye on coaching situations at all levels and is working on putting together a short list of candidates.

The importance of the hiring is no secret. The Mooseheads are the worst

### Vacancies

Other than the Mooseheads, here are four QMJHL teams in the market for a coach:

- **Cape Breton Screaming Eagles:** Mario Durocher was fired yesterday.
- **Rimouski Oceanic:** Clement Jodoin stepped down yesterday.
- **P.E.I. Rocket:** Eric Lavigne stepped down earlier this month.
- **Chicoutimi Saguenéens:** Guy Carbonneau might return, but hasn't committed beyond this season.

team in the Canadian Hockey League since 2008-09 with just 52 wins over three seasons.

If Smith finds the right man for the job, he is unlikely to let him slip away.

"Coach A could say, listen, I know you're considering me, I had a good interview, but Chicoutimi is considering me too and you might have to make a decision more quickly than we thought," Smith said. "But this is the process, we'll continue to do it every day, and we'll see what ends up happening."

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## Eastern Conference



- **Capitals (1) vs. Rangers (8)**  
The Capitals' goal this season was getting ready for the playoffs and improving defensively. Henrik Lundqvist led the league with 11 shutouts and offers New York a chance to upset. **The Rangers went 3-1-0 in the season series.**
- **Flyers (2) vs. Sabres (7)**  
Sergei Bobrovsky will start the series as Philly's No. 1 goalie but could be replaced if he stumbles. Buffalo has been scorching hot since the all-star break. Ryan Miller is back after an upper-body injury. **The Flyers went 2-1-1 in the season series.**
- **Bruins (3) vs. Canadiens (6)**  
Boston's Tim Thomas is the favourite for the Vezina after setting an NHL record with a .938 save percentage. Montreal's Carey Price tied for the league lead with 38 wins. The Habs are hoping for a huge playoff from him. **Montreal went 4-2-0 in the season series.**
- **Penguins (4) vs. Lightning (5)**  
The Penguins managed to hang tough without Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin for almost half a season. Tampa returns to the post-season after three years and should have the edge offensively with Pittsburgh missing its two stars. **Season series was a 2-2-0 tie.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Western Conference



- **Canucks (1) vs. Hawks (8)**  
Nothing short of a Stanley Cup will do for the Canucks, who had the NHL's best record. Chicago beat Vancouver in the playoffs the last two years, but is an underdog this time around. **The Canucks went 2-1-1 in the season series.**
- **Sharks (2) vs. Kings (7)**  
Goalie Antti Niemi will be looking to win the Stanley Cup for the second time in as many years. Los Angeles enters the series without leading scorer Anze Kopitar, but is hoping to get Justin Williams back from a dislocated shoulder. **The Sharks went 3-1-2 in the season series.**
- **Red Wings (3) vs. Coyotes (6)**  
Detroit is stumbling and Henrik Zetterberg will be out of the lineup for at least the start of the series. The Coyotes put together another solid year despite only having one player (Shane Doan) reach 20 goals. **The Coyotes went 2-0-2 in the season series.**
- **Ducks (4) vs. Predators (5)**  
Anaheim roared into the playoffs largely due to Corey Perry, who scored 19 goals in the final 16 games. Nashville is hoping to advance past the first round for the first time. Goalie Pekka Rinne has a .930 save percentage and 2.12 goals-against. **The Predators went 3-1-0 in the season series.** THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Price has centre stage

► Canadiens goalie will try to make Habs fans forget about Halak

Much has changed for Carey Price since he was forced to watch from the bench last spring as unheralded goalie Jaroslav Halak led the Montreal Canadiens to the Eastern Conference final.

Halak was traded not long after that despite becoming the darling of the Bell Centre crowd.

But then Price asserted his billing as a goaltending prodigy with a breakthrough 2010-11 season, appearing in a career-high 72 games and finishing tied for the league lead with 38 victories.

Now it's playoff time, and it will be up to Price to hold the fort as he tries to make people forget about Halak's feat with his own string of upsets.

It starts in Boston, where the slick-skating Canadiens



► Carey Price will have his chance to shine, or stumble, this spring. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

begin what should be a tight first-round series against the Bruins tomorrow night.

"I'll just keep on doing what I've been doing all season," Price said yesterday.

The playoffs have not been kind to Price in recent years, but that was a

younger, less disciplined version of the goaltender.

After he came out of junior hockey and led the Hamilton Bulldogs to an AHL championship in 2007, the 2005 fifth-overall draft pick won the starting job in Montreal. He posted two shutouts in a first-round

victory over the Bruins in the 2008 post-season.

Price hasn't won in the playoffs since.

He takes an eight-game playoff winless run into the Boston series.

"Every year's a new year, so you never know what's going to happen," he said.

It may be a rough series for Price. The Bruins like to crowd the net and have the big men to do it, starting with rugged winger Milan Lucic, who had nine points in six games against Montreal this season.

Mostly, Price wants his chance to revel in the excitement of a playoff run.

"Everyone's all wrapped up, but the guys in this locker-room have to stay calm and keep on doing what's made us successful. Not tighten up or get nervous." THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Pens enter Round 1 lacking

Mario Lemieux and Ron Francis. Jaromir Jagr. Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin.

Every Pittsburgh Penguins team that has reached the NHL playoffs since the 1980s has featured the NHL's best player, one of its top scorers, or both.

Except these playoffs. The Lightning possess

more offensive depth, more proven scorers and more stars than the Penguins, who begin the post-season without knowing if megastar Crosby will take another shift until October.

Crosby, out with a concussion, skated with teammates during practice yesterday but has not been cleared for contact. He is all but certain to miss the series.

"There's no change in Sidney Crosby's status," coach Dan Bylsma said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Newly optional is a 283-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 that replaces the previous six-cylinder offerings.

## Facelift

Physically, the 200 still resembles the Sebring of old, but with cleaned-up front-end styling, including a new hood, fenders, grille and projector-style headlights that give the car a classier appearance.

The 200 now closely connects with the full-size Chrysler 300 that has undergone a similar facelift. At the opposite end, a new trunk lid, fenders, bumper and tail lamps also play a part in the Sebring-to-200 transformation.

## Interior

Even more radical surgery has been performed on the car's interior. The overtly plastic instrument panel has been restyled and covered in richer-looking soft-touch material and the seats and seat coverings have been upgraded for much-needed comfort and eye appeal.

Topping it off is a new steering wheel with integrated controls for the audio and communications systems.



► The nose of the 200 falls in line with the remade Chrysler 300. A better suspension and heavily upgraded interior, along with a new V6 engine, highlight the major improvements.

# The 200 has more than just a name change



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Chrysler's wave of new and updated models has been nothing short of spectacular.

And among the cars requiring urgent attention was the automaker's Sebring sedan and convert-

ible, now referred to as the 200 series.

In the mid-size class, the Sebring was the wallflower of the group.

Not especially popular — and outclassed by its peers — the car had become all but shunned by the vast majority

of buyers who preferred to dance with the Toyota Camry, Honda Accord, Ford Fusion and Chevrolet Malibu, to name just a few of the alternatives.

Chrysler's new Fiat-controlled management group will replace the 200

with an entirely new car in a few years, but for now a new name, fresh sheetmetal and a major engine upgrade will have to suffice.

Are the changes enough to erase any negative thoughts about the previous Sebring? Probably not entirely, but considering the short lead time to devel-

op a stop-gap solution, Chrysler's design and engineering teams have managed to perform a minor miracle.

Viewed in its entirety, the 200 series represents a valiant attempt by Chrysler to get back in the mid-size game and be taken seriously as a category contender.

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Vinyl siding for a house is probably a good product, just not too mind-bending. Vinyl for vehicles is a whole other story. The possibilities are positively mind-blowing, if you're ready to cover parts, or your entire car, with a vinyl wrap.

## DON'T JUST PAINT IT, WRAP IT

Vinyl wraps started showing up about 15 years ago, mostly as a cheaper and more graphic alternative to painting, to deck out vehicles for promotional and marketing purposes.

Eventually they made their way to personal cars, particularly luxury car and sports car owners looking for that "gangster" look — no chrome, all black matte "stealth bomber."

Brian Spiteri's firm, Big Picture Imaging of Campbellville, Ont., (bigpictureimaging.ca) has done its share of these full-matte, full-wrap projects, including a recent one that was so wondrous that even the R8 owner's teenage son had to concede that his father "may have crossed the line over to cool."

Spiteri's latest project was on his own hobby car

— a 1981 Porsche Targa SC. One of the major vinyl wrap suppliers, Germany's Oracal, recently came out with products particularly suited as a "paint replacement." Spiteri was ready to change the colour of his car, but was leery about covering up the Porsche's original paint — a much-coveted aspect of a collector car and one that can considerably juice up its future value. This new wrap sounded like the perfect solution.

"Wraps actually protect original paint from oxidation and fading," says Spiteri. "But wraps also give you the opportunity to have some fun, by letting your personality shine."

In the end he opted for metallic azure blue with a high-gloss finish. A few years from now, when he's not feeling quite so blue, he'll just peel off the wrap (carefully), and presto! — back to original



► How's this for a marketing idea?

paint, or on to Ferrari Red.

Applying vinyl wrap isn't quite as easy putting up wallpaper. Spiteri says it's a job best left to the professionals. You think?

Contemplating a home project soon has me picturing myself on the garage floor, crazily wrapped in vinyl, trying to wiggle, armlessly, over to the phone, to peck out 911

— with my nose.

A full wrap, executed by the pros at Big Picture Imaging, would start around \$3,000.

Full wraps aren't cheap, concedes Lione Ole, a well-known photographer, specializing in newborns (amazingnewborns.com).

When he relocated from Montreal to the GTA area last year, one of the first

things he did was buy a black VW GTI and send it over to Spiteri's shop for a wild wrap. He considers the outlay to be a worthwhile investment in marketing. Anyone who has seen the finished product would have to agree.

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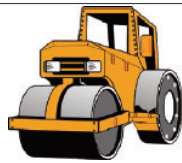
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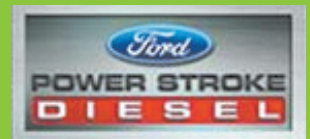
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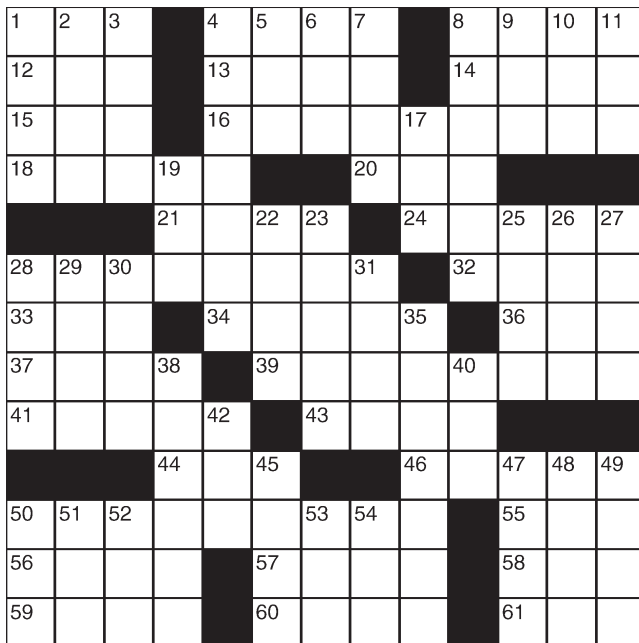
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### Across

- 1 Nevertheless, for short  
4 Head light?  
8 Bigfoot's cousin  
12 That girl  
13 Unpaid  
14 Verve  
15 Curved line  
16 Variety of paper  
18 Destruction  
20 Edge  
21 Moist  
24 Jaunty chapeau  
28 Democratic Republic of the Congo capital  
32 Pay heed to  
33 Rhyming tribute  
34 Commune of Tuscany  
36 "— Town"  
37 Get wind of  
39 Lollipop Guild member  
41 Absorb eagerly  
43 Be too fond of, with "on"  
44 — -relief  
46 Insurrectionist  
50 Picture tube  
55 Seine liquid  
56 Divisible by two  
57 — and crafts  
58 Donkey  
59 Obtains  
60 Bikini parts  
61 To the — degree

### Down

- 1 Dissolve  
2 Frau's man  
3 Killer whale  
4 Water pipes  
5 Plant bristle  
6 Mainlander's me-



- mento  
7 Stench  
8 Sycophants  
9 Wapiti  
10 Skater Babilonia  
11 Hostel  
17 Pen point  
19 LP's successors  
22 Cripple  
23 Intellectual pre-tender  
25 Castle  
26 Needle case  
27 Gull's cousin  
28 Former German chancellor Helmut

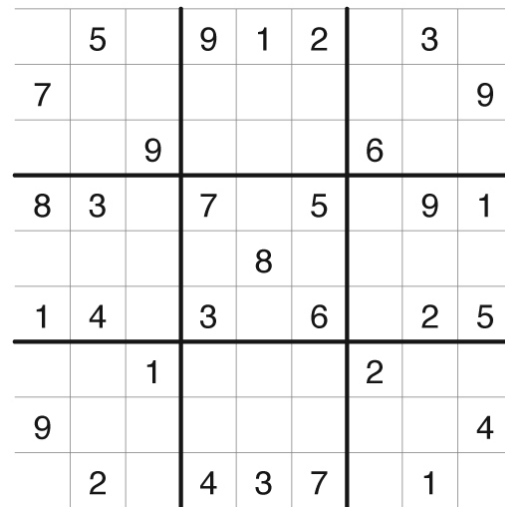
- 29 Notion  
30 Tide type  
31 Part of A.D.  
35 Streep, for one  
38 Flemish painter  
40 Haw preceder  
42 — de deux  
45 Wound cover  
47 Succotash component  
48 Right on the map?  
49 Luxurious  
50 Small barrel  
51 "— Got a Secret"  
52 Profit  
53 Hoockey great

Bobby  
54 Sch. org.

### ► Yesterday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Yesterday's answer ►

3	2	7	5	1	4	9	8	6
9	8	4	3	6	2	1	5	7
5	1	6	9	8	7	4	2	3
2	5	1	7	9	6	3	4	8
4	9	8	2	3	1	7	6	5
6	7	3	4	5	8	2	9	1
8	6	2	1	7	9	5	3	4
7	3	9	6	4	5	8	1	2
1	4	5	8	2	3	6	7	9

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Michelle M. I think about you every day love TIMMY

SAWS, I had to do this at least once in my life. One more check on my bucket list. Let's finish our crossword and sudoku today. We can do it! RHEA

Michelle, I have done many things that I regret till this day, but meeting you & falling in love is not one of them! I love you so much, and I know it's hard to believe me now, but it's true. Love, YOUR CUDDLE-BEAR

Where do I even begin, Abi? You are so ridiculously weird and crazy, but I love you & can't thank you enough for being such a great friend. Don't let anybody get to you, ok? Looking forward to our girls' day out this Saturday. Love you, you bum! I hope I surprise you with this! :) LOVE, VQ

## Today's horoscope

### ♈ Aries March 21-April 20

There's nothing brave about keeping pain to yourself when loved ones are ready to assist.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Negative thinking tends to be self-fulfilling. Always stay positive.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 A long-term friendship will be strengthened in some way over the next 24 hours.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You seem able to twist authority figures around your little finger. Take advantage of it.

### ♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Let those who want to take away your right to speak for yourself know that you will fight them.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Let fear get the better of you, and you'll miss out on fun.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you make a decision on emotion alone, you will most likely regret it by the end of the week.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Others say what you are planning is foolish and doomed to fail. Will that stop you? Nope.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

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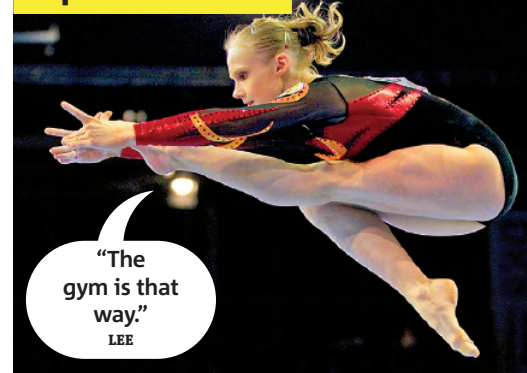
Changes on the work front may be unsettling, but they will work in your favour.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Travel plans are well starred. If you feel the urge to get away for a while, just do it.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 A few encouraging words could have a loved one smiling.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. A partnership issue will be resolved in your favour very soon. SALLY BROMPTON

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